

Public Comment on Flat Creek Benthic TMDL

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From: Wills,Kelly
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 10:43 AM
To: 'John Stockton'
Cc: 'tott@dcrr.state.va.us'; 'relfarhan@louisberger.com'; Winter,Kyle
Subject: RE: Draft Benthic TMDL

Mr. Stockton,

Thank you for being proactive in this process. Please see below for the answers to your questions. I am copying Tim Ott from the Department of Conservation and Recreation so that he or someone in his office may answer your last two questions concerning implementation. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Stockton [SMTP:stockton@meckcom.net]
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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2004 4:58 PM
To: Wills,Kelly
Cc: Mark Whitley
Subject: Draft Bethnic TMDL

Kelly,

Thanks for the Draft. I have some questions on the loading and implementation.

What is meant by low intensity residential and is the 1.4 Tons/yr. exclusive to South Hill?
[Please see table 2.4 in the report for the definition. This applies to the entire watershed and can be seen in Figure 2-2 as light pink areas \(see legend\). This is not exclusive to South Hill.](#)

What is meant by high intensity residential and is the 1.1 Tons/yr. exclusive to South Hill?
[Please see table 2.4 in the report for the definition. This applies to the entire watershed and can be seen in Figure 2-2 as darker pink areas \(see legend\). This is not exclusive to South Hill.](#)

What is meant by Commercial/Industrial and what areas of the drainage basin contribute the 105.8 Tons/yr.?

[Please see table 2.4 in the report for the definition. This applies to the entire watershed and can be seen in Figure 2-2 as red areas \(see legend\).](#)

What is meant by transitional land?

[Please see table 2.4 in the report for the definition.](#)

What is meant by Urban/Recreational Grasses? Are we speaking of the Centennial Park in South Hill that produces 1.4 Tons/yr.?

Please see table 2.4 in the report for the definition. In the entire watershed, there are only 5.1 acres of Urban/Recreational Grasses (Table 2-3). When Berger Group sends you the GIS layers, you can search for the exact locations of these grasses. It is apparent that almost all of the urban/recreational grasses are located in the South Hill area. There are about 10 small patches scattered around the town. There are also 2 small patches located away from South Hill, along Interstate 85. Combined, these are estimated to produce 1.4 tons of sediment per year. Please remember that the largest contributors should be addressed first in any implementation activities. Table E2 shows the sediment loads from all of the landuses.

What do you envision as the BMPs that will be required of South Hill to reduce the loading?

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Will there be any correlation between local ability to obtain funding and the schedule for implementation?

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Perhaps we are getting ahead of the curve, but we want to be able to plan for any financial impact this may have on our future budgets.

Thanks

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This is Tim Ott's response to the implementation questions posed by John Stockton, South Hill's town manager.

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What do you envision as the BMPs that will be required of South Hill to reduce the loading?

My suggestion would entail enforcement of the erosion and sediment control law and regulations. If you know of specific areas that are causing problems and would like us to take a look and offer technical assistance, we would be happy to do that. Also, if the town would like us to review their E&S program and ordinance we would do that as well. Adoption of a storm water ordinance is another way of decreasing sedimentation. DCR will be taking over the storm water program and issuing construction permits for disturbances of one acre or more within the next year. We are also available to help with those issues.

Will there be any correlation between local ability to obtain funding and the schedule for implementation?

We are hopeful that grants may become available to help localities to adopt storm water regulations and install BMPs. The fact that this stream is impaired will help the prioritization of those monies. It is anticipated that the implementation plan will have to be developed before funding is considered.

Thank you for your proactive stance on these issues. Please don't hesitate to give me a call at 434-374-3648 if you have any questions or require additional information.